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TAKOMA PARK, Md., May 2, 2005 -The City of Takoma Park is pleased to announce that Yovonda D. Brooks has been selected as its Director of Finance. She will join the city staff on May 23, 2005.

Brooks currently serves as the City Auditor for the City of Baltimore, Maryland, a position she has held for approximately seven years. In this capacity, she directs the audit of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). As City Auditor, Brooks conducts financial, compliance, and performance audits of city agencies, as well as internal control reviews. Prior to becoming Baltimore's City Auditor, Brooks was employed for approximately ten years as an Audit Manager for the Department of Legislative Services, Office of Legislative Audits. In this position, she supervised financial, performance, and compliance audits of State agencies.

In addition to her experience in the aforementioned positions, Ms. Brooks will bring to the position of Director of Finance an extensive background in public accounting. Early in her career, she worked for several accounting firms in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas.

Brooks holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Morgan State University. She is a Certified Public Accountant.

City Manager Barbara B. Matthews looks forward to the addition of Brooks to the management staff of the city. "She will bring to the position a diverse background in both accounting and auditing which will enable her to make immediate contributions to the City of Takoma Park. She is the right person to assume this leadership role in the organization."

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